

**REMARKS**

This is a continuation application of pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/073,845 filed on February 11, 2002, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/268,375 filed February 12, 2001 and 60/334,654 filed November 30 2001.

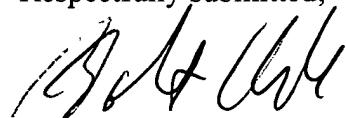
The previously pending claims 1-59 have been canceled without prejudice. Newly added claims 60-77 are pending in this application. Claims 60-77 represent specific embodiments of Applicants' invention and introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; that this application be considered in view of the above amendment and following remarks; and that all of the claims in this application be allowed.

**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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